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SUBJECT; DRAFT AGREEMENT - SORTIE LAB PROJECT

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1. QUOTED HEREIN IS A USG PROVISIONAL DRAFT OF AN INTER-  
GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION IN THE DE-

VELOPMENT OF THE SORTIE LABORATORY PROJECT. REQUEST DELIVERY OF THIS PROVISIONAL DRAFT TEXT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT IN NO CASE LATER THAN COB APRIL 2, 1973 TO APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND TO ESRO. M. LEVY, ESRO, HAS REQUESTED THIS TEXT FOR CONSIDERATION BY ESRO PLANNING BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 3, 1973.

2. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING PER ARTICLE 10 OF THE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN CERTAIN MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION AND THE EUROPEAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION CONCERNING THE EXECUTION OF THE SPACELAB PROGRAMME OPENED FOR SIGNATURE ON MARCH 1, 1973, THAT INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS INTEND TO DEFINE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNCIL OF ESRO THE PRINCIPLES TO BE ENUMERATED IN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. THUS, IT IS OUR ASSUMPTION THAT REPS OF ESRO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WILL DISCUSS VIEWS CONCERNING CONTENTS OF THIS DRAFT TOGETHER AT MEETINGS OF THE ESRO PROGRAM BOARD, AND WILL THEN CONVEY THEM TO THE US AT THE INFORMAL AND FORMAL US- EUROPEAN MEETINGS YET TO BE HELD.

3. PROCEDURE IN PARA 2 AGREEABLE TO US BUT WE WISH TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WE WOULD ALSO BE AGREEABLE TO RECEIVING GOVERNMENTAL VIEWS DIRECTLY.

4. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO CONFIRM OUR UNDERSTANDING AND ASSUMPTION PARA 2 ABOVE, CONVEYING CONTENT PARA 3 ABOVE, AND REPORT ANY COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS.

5. DEPARTMENT INFORMED VIA ESRO- NASA INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE GOVERNMENT- TO- GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT DESIRED IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 18, AND FORMAL DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON MAY 3-4.

6. PROVISIONAL DRAFT TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: TITLE: AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SPACE LABORATORY  
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PARA THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ON THE ONE HAND, AND

PARA THE GOVERNMENTS OF BELGIUM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS, SPAIN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ON THE OTHER HAND;

PARA CONSCIOUS OF THE CHALLENGE AND POTENTIAL OF SPACE EXPLORATION AND CONVINCED THAT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN

THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF NEW MECHANISMS FOR SPACE EXPLORATION WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED AND WILL IN GENERAL CONTRIBUTE TO WORLD PEACE;

PARA CONVINCED ALSO THAT SUCH COOPERATION WILL RESULT IN SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES TO THEIR MUTUAL BENEFIT AS WELL AS THE BENEFIT OF ALL MANKIND;

PARA RECALLING WITH SATISFACTION THE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF COOPERATION IN THE SPACE FIELD ALREADY CONDUCTED AND NOW IN PROGRESS BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED; AND DESIRING TO EXTEND AND EXPAND SUCH COOPERATION;

PARA CONSIDERING THE DECISION OF CERTAIN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POST- APOLLO PROGRAM OF THE UNITED STATES BY DEVELOPMENT OF A SPACE LABORATORY; AND

PARA NOTING THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ON OCTOBER 9, 1972 CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF LAUNCH ASSISTANCE FOR FOREIGN SPACE SATELLITE PROJECTS:

PARA HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1 ( UNDERSCORED)

DEFINITION

PARA FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS AGREEMENT THE TERM QUOTE UNCLASSIFIED

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PARTICIPANT GOVERNMENTS UNQUOTE REFERS TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF BELGIUM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS, SPAIN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, AND ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHICH, HAVING UNDERTAKEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPACE LABORATORY PROGRAM TO BE EXECUTED BY THE EUROPEAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION ( ESRO), ELECT TO BECOME PARTIES TO THE COOPERATION ENVISAGED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT BY ADHERING TO IT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12.

ARTICLE 2 ( UNDERSCORED)

PURPOSES

PARA THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE PARTICIPANT GOVERNMENTS SHALL COOPERATE TO PROVIDE:  
(1) FOR THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, MANUFACTURE AND DELIVERY OF THE FIRST FLIGHT UNIT OF A SPACE LABORATORY ( CALLED

QUOTE SPACELAB UNQUOTE IN EUROPE AND QUOTE SORTIE LABORA-

TORY UNQUOTE IN THE UNITED STATES AND HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS QUOTE SL UNQUOTE) AS AN INTEGRATED ELEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES SPACE SHUTTLE, A VEHICLE FOR FLYING TO AND FROM EARTH ORBIT; (2) FOR THE USE OF THE SL FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES; AND (3) FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ADDITIONAL SLS.

ARTICLE 3 ( UNDERScoreD)

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTICIPANT GOVERNMENTS

PARA AS PART OF THEIR COOPERATION, THE PARTICIPANT GOVERNMENTS SHALL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY; (1) TO DESIGN, DEVELOP, MANUFACTURE AND DELIVER AN SL AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT ACCORDING TO MUTUALLY AGREED SPECIFICATION AND TIME SCHEDULE; (2) TO ENSURE THE PRODUCTION IN EUROPE, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PROCUREMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OF SUCH ADDITIONAL SLS AS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MAY NEED FOR ITS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AT A MUTUALLY AGREED COST; (3) TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF A SUSTAINING ENGINEERING CAPABILITY FOR THE SL TO MEET THE MISSION OPERATING REQUIRE

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